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Foster Parent T4T Certification Process



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Certification Process for Training for Trainers (T4T)

Purpose of the Training for Trainers Courses: The DCS Training for Trainers courses are designed for Professional Agency Trainers and Foster Parent Co-Trainers. The course offerings coincide with the training requirements and electives outlined in DCS policy 16.8. All DCS and Provider Agency Trainers (Primary Trainers) who train Foster Parents must have a college degree and must successfully complete Training for Trainers in each course they intend to deliver. T4Ts are offered for PATH pre-approval courses, required and elective In-service courses, Parenting the Youthful Offender, Medication Administration, and CPR & First Aid.

Training Requirements: In order to become certified to train Foster Parents, trainers must successfully register, attend and participate in a T4T. Trainers are allowed to train only the courses they have been certified in and have received a certificate as proof of attendance and certification.

Training Updates: In the event that an update is offered for a course that you have been certified in, your certification becomes invalid if you do not attend the update. If you attend the update, then your certification is renewed.

Certification Requirements: Please see the chart below.

T4T Course	Certification Process
PATH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend T4T, actively participate and receive a certification certificate• New PATH Trainers must co-lead a PATH parent group within six (6) months of completing the Training for Trainers• Lead a group each year• PATH Trainers will need to submit proof of PATH delivery to DCS in order to maintain their certification.• Submit Annual PATH Trainer Certification online via the DCS website: http://tn.gov/dcs/topic/Foster-Parent-provider-training
In-Service Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with Birth Parents• Connecting Children and Parents through Visitation• Cultural Awareness for First Year Foster Parents• Cultural Awareness for Second Year Foster Parents• Helping Children Make Transitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend T4T, actively participate and receive a certification certificate• Attend updates as required by DCS.
In-Service Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend T4T, actively participate and receive a certification certificate

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting the Sexually Abused Child • What to Know About Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking • Fostering Positive Behavior for Foster Parents • Child Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend updates as required by DCS.
Elective Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging and Parenting Teens • Professionalism and Ethics • Partnership in Action • Managing Crisis • Positive Discipline 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate and receive a certification certificate • Attend updates as required by DCS.
Elective Part 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loving and Letting Go • Creating Teachable Moments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate and receive a certification certificate • Attend updates as required by DCS.
Working with the Education System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate and receive a certification certificate • Attend updates as required by DCS.
Parenting the Youthful Offender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend T4T, actively participate and receive a certification certificate • Attend updates as required by DCS.
Medical Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers must have a valid Tennessee Nursing License (LPN or RN). • Trainers must have attended and actively participated in a Medication Administration classroom Training for Trainers (T4T). • Trainers must have a Medication Administration T4T Certificate of Attendance. • Trainers must provide DCS with a copy of their Nursing License and T4T Certificate prior to delivery of any Foster Parent Training. • Information should be emailed to Stephany.Havens@tn.gov.
CPR/FA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainers must have a valid CPR & First Aid Trainer Certification. • Trainers must provide DCS with a valid copy of their BLS Trainer Certification from a recognized Provider and must show attendance in a CPR & First Aid T4T. • Information should be emailed to Stephany.Havens@tn.gov. • Instructors of EMS CPR & First Aid will maintain copies of EMS Safety records for future verification of training as required and requested by EMS Safety, Inc.